

# JUDGE VAN WYCK TALKS TO THE VOTERS THROUGH THE JOURNAL.

## The Coming Mayor of the Greater New York Gives the Citizens of This City His Opinions on Momentous Municipal Questions.

"Judge Van Wyck, Tammany's Candidate, Will Not Make Any Public Addresses, It Is Said."—Yesterday's Papers.

*But He Tells the Journal, Through Alfred Henry Lewis, His Intentions and His Opinions.*

No Plans to Disturb Col. Waring.

"THERE is a story, Judge," I said, as I arose to go, "which credits the Democratic administration, when it comes into power, with a plan to dismiss from the city service Street Cleaning Commissioner Waring. Can you say aught on that point?"

"I can, most emphatically," reported Judge Van Wyck. "There is no such move in contemplation; no such plan has been proposed or discussed. It is in no man's mind. I've never heard of it. Such a story is nothing but the merest invention of idleness and a taste to meddle."

No Intention to Interfere with Col. Waring.

GREATER CITY'S NEEDS.

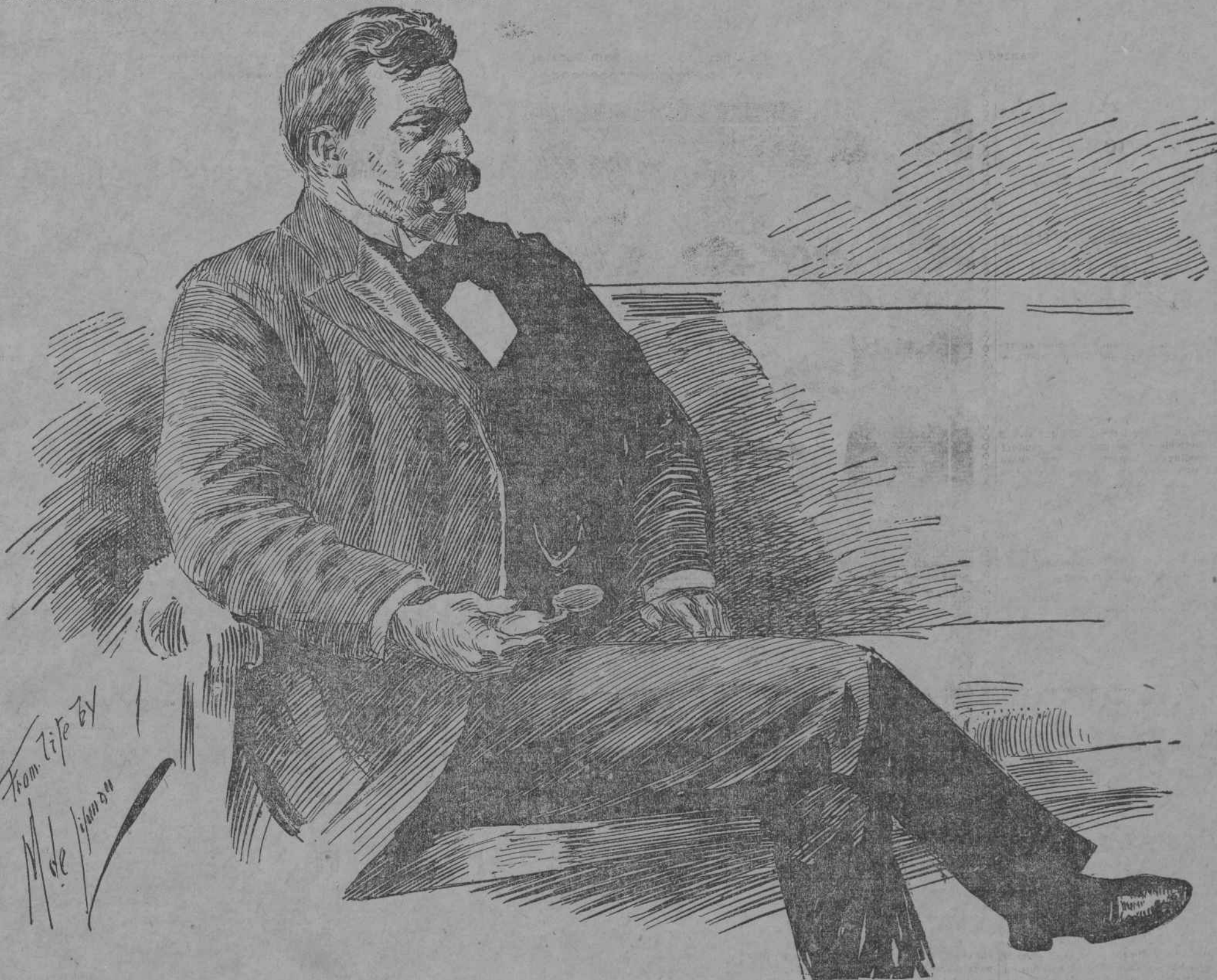
Ideas for the Government of Municipality of Cosmopolitan Character.

STANDS FOR LIBERTY.

Opposed to the Spirit of Control Expressed in the Tithing Man and Curfew Bell.

RAINES LAW'S VICIOUS FRUITS.

Hundreds of Honest Men Ruined, Dives Promoted, While Law-Abiding Liquor Dealers of Good Reputation Are Crippled.



Judge Van Wyck in His Campaign Headquarters at the Hotel Bartholdi.

By Alfred Henry Lewis.

It was in the Bartholdi headquarters of the Democratic campaign managers. My meeting with Judge Van Wyck, the party candidate for Mayor was of the casual sort. Thoroughbred, dignified, firm, easy, and with a fine air of sincere honesty about him, Judge Van Wyck clenched by his appearance the good opinions I had formed of him.

"It is not possible for me, with my duties," said Judge Van Wyck, in response to my questionings, "to go from hall to hall and speak to the people of the city. Fairly speaking, I've not the time. That privilege open to the gentlemen who are contestants against me in this race is not so free to me. But I'm glad of an opportunity to speak to the people of Greater New York through the wide columns of the Journal."

"There need be no doubt or mistiness concerning my attitude on all questions now craving reply of public city sort. I wish most heartily that every citizen of New York would read my letter of acceptance. It was not carelessly prepared; it was in no sort the suggestion or work of other men; it presents my exact position on every subject it suggests, and I meant every phrase of it, and I mean it now."

"This city is not a village. The cosmopolitan character of a great city, the millions of people, with the difference which race and nation are bound to create in the needs of that city, make village rule impossible. In a small hamlet, where the people are of one type, one race, government is simple, easy; it is hard to go astray. But in a great city much will want adjustment; there must be care, there must be patience, there must be a keen apprehensiveness of the rights of all; and above and beyond all, there must be honesty and a forbearing, and exact justice."

"I stand for liberty, the fullest individual liberty consistent with the rights of other men. I in no sort represent that spirit of municipal control that expresses itself in the curfew and the tithing man. I believe in home rule. It is necessary to a full protection and complete carrying out of the best purposes of our city government. I do not favor governing New York from Albany by men who neither believe in nor understand the interests of New York any more than I would indorse the proposition to control New York from the National Legislature in Washington. I believe in this city, which knows its own needs and furnishes its own money, and furnishing also its own government in every city detail and particular."

"There is the Raines law; that is a specimen of State bossism in this city. It was opposed by us; it was forged and fastened upon us like a ball and chain by men who have neither a knowledge of nor residence nor interest in the city of New York. What have been the fruits of the Raines law? It has brought not one of the advantages proclaimed for it by those who framed and fostered it. On the other hand, its results have been blackly vicious; it has ruined hundreds of honest men; it has promoted the dives while crippling and hamstringing the dealers of repute and law-abiding spirit."

"It is not now that I would say over much of the present city administration. I do not believe in sour attack or sullen abuse of any man or party in politics. It comes to no public good; it teaches no lesson. But the very best friends of present city control must admit its ignorance, its weakness, and, as a result of these, its extravagance, which almost encroaches, in good truth, on actual corruption. It has cost more than any Democratic administration ever did. It has advanced the rate of taxation as well as the tax valuation of the property upon which taxes were collected. It has enlarged by millions the city debt, and has not paid one stiver of it. The administration has lamely failed at all points, and, not content with wasting the people's money, it has for months past wasted the private interests and businesses of our citizens by making our roadways impassable."

"A look at our city streets to-day, torn, the scene of upheaval, the cause of disease, absolutely withdrawn in many instances from public use as thoroughfares, is a fair bird's-eye view of the history of the present city government. It has been incoherent, crazy, opposed to itself. With a mouthful of fine theories, it has given way to the worst of practices. It would cry 'reform' and oppress the citizen, stain his wife and daughter with causeless, even lawless, arrest, and tear down public right."

"What have been the come-out of 'reform' as presently practised and the Raines law as presently enforced? Lying, spying,

sneaking, the demoralization of the police, the marked increase of desperate crime. I do not favor these results; naturally, I am against the roots and causes of them."

"While I do not gnash my teeth at corporations, nor belong to that number that would destroy them and sow their sites with salt, I believe in strictly confining them in their business going about to the law and the Constitution. Corporations are a natural growth of our civilization and manner of life. They are needed; they will always exist, and within the scope of their legal purposes they are good. But when from greed or any other cause they overflow their limits and begin to cover and drown out the rights of the individual, they must be withstood. The poorest and the weakest of our citizens has the same rights as the strongest, richest of the corporations. He must and shall be protected. In the struggle of life the weak must be buckled against the strong, and the individual citizen safeguarded in all his rights against power linked to greed, whether they come in corporate or any other form."

## A Counterfeiter's Conscience

Cares little for people's stomachs. One of the greatest grocery houses in New England had a chemist analyze several cereal, wheat or grain coffees. The result shows that all such that have a coffee taste, thus far tested, contain cheap coffee or coffee essence,

### Except Postum.

If you want old-fashioned adulterated Coffee, such as used to make a grocer flinch when he sold it, the flood of "Coffee Substitutes," "Grain Coffees," &c., now flooding the market in the wake of the famous Original Postum Cereal Food Coffee, will supply the demand. But the man who has been hurt by regular coffee, and has found that Postum agrees with his taste and health, dislikes to find that his grocer has sent him down a package of something else "just as good," and that its palatable taste is given by a mixture of the old berry that made trouble for him. If one is able to drink Coffee they want genuine. If they use a Cereal Food drink they want exactly that, and not a concoction of adulterated Coffee. President Edgerly, of the Famous Ralston Health Club, has been looking for years for a Cereal Coffee that is pure and yet has a palatable taste. But one has been found, and that is on his private table and is used daily by thousands of his followers. Its name is Postum Cereal, and the red seals on the package mark the genuine.

More Schools, \$1 Gas and Bicycle Paths.

At any cost, and before all else should a choice be forced, the public school system must be kept ample for every need, strengthened and preserved.

I'm soul and heart and hand with the party, and the Journal in their fight for dollar gas. To-day men, women and children ride the wheel. \* \* \* Compared with that number who ride in carriages, fall four times as many ride the wheel. We lay out drives, and at great expense make roadways and avenues for the carriages. And I vigorously indorse this roadway course. But let us also do as much for the folk of bicycles, who, as I have said, outnumber the carriage riders as four outnumbers one.

More Schools and Better Schools Above All Else.

FAVORS DOLLAR GAS.

Heart and Hand with the Journal and the Party on That Issue.

PATHS FOR WHEELMEN.

Better Treatment for Cyclists, Who Outnumber Carriage Riders Four to One.

EIGHT HOUR LAW INDORSED.

Will See That It Is Enforced, and in All Practical Cases Will Urge the Employment of Resident Labor.